

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
UTILITY SERVICE BOARD  
DECEMBER 19, 2005**

The Regular Meeting of the Utility Service Board of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall in Jasper at 7:00 PM on Monday, December 19, 2005.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Greg A. Krodel who presided.

**UPON CALL OF THE ROLL, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:**

Greg A. Krodel – Chairman  
Mike Harder – Vice Chairman  
Ken Sendelweck – Secretary  
Michael A. Schwenk – Electric Commissioner  
Jeffrey S. Theising – Water Commissioner  
Edward J. Kreilein – Wastewater Commissioner  
Alex Emmons – Gas Commissioner

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Jerry Schitter – Electric Distribution Manager  
Windell Toby – Electric Generation Manager  
Thomas A. Lents – Wastewater Manager  
Michael A. Oeding – Gas & Water Manager  
Kenneth R. Schultz – Business Manager  
Sandy Hemmerlein – City Attorney

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** (A-20)

Chairman Greg Krodel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (A-28)

Chairman Greg Krodel presented the minutes of the November 21, 2005 meeting and there being no corrections or amendments, asked for a motion to approve. Ken Sendelweck made a motion to approve the minutes of the November meeting as presented. Alex Emmons seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS** (A-44)

Chairman Greg Krodel reported that they have successfully filled the position of General Manager of Utilities and introduced Gerald “Bud” Hauersperger.

Krodel highlighted Mr. Hauersperger’s educational and professional background.

The Board welcomed him.

Mayor Schmitt commented that hiring Mr. Hauersperger was due to the upcoming retirement of Business Manager Ken Schultz.

**2006 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLAN – ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION** (A-126)

Jerry Schitter briefly reviewed his 2006 Capital Expenditure Plan and entertained questions from the Board.

Ken Sendelweck made a motion to approve the Electric Distribution 2006 Capital Expenditure Plan as presented. Alex Emmons seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

**POLE ATTACHMENT AGREEMENT WITH KDL** (A-175)

Jerry Schitter reported Kentucky Data Link is requesting approval to utilize City electric poles in order to run a 48-strand fiber cable into Verizon's office. Schitter said he reviewed their detailed plan and there is adequate space on our poles. Schitter said he provided KDL with an estimate "make-ready" cost to move our equipment and KDL has no problem with it.

Schitter presented a pole attachment agreement with KDL for approval.

Sandy Hemmerlein stated that there would be a 10-year term on this agreement with a 3-year phase-in period for the rental rate. The rental rates would be \$8.50 per attachment for 2006, \$8.75 per attachment for 2007, \$9.00 per attachment for 2008, and after that it would be based on changes in the CPI-U during the previous calendar year.

Mike Schwenk made a motion to approve the pole attachment license agreement with Kentucky Data Link. Ed Kreilein seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

**WIRE STORAGE BUILDING – ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION** (A-271)

Jerry Schitter reported the wire storage building is 98% complete. Gutters and weather stripping still need to be installed and hopefully that will be done by the end of the year.

The electrical work will be done after the first of the year.

**2006 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLAN – ELECTRIC GENERATION** (A-289)

Windell Toby briefly reviewed his 2006 Capital Expenditure Plan and entertained questions from the Board.

Mike Schwenk made a motion to approve the Electric Generation 2006 Capital Expenditure Plan as presented. Mike Harder seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

Windell Toby reported he was hoping he wouldn't have to shut down the Power Plant next year, but he will have to as required by his Title 5 Permit, which is issued by IDEM for the purpose of operating the boiler.

#### **ELECTRIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT** (A-312)

Mike Schwenk, Chairman of the Electric Planning Committee, stated the committee did not meet during the past month.

#### **2006 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLAN – GAS & WATER** (A-314)

Mike Oeding briefly reviewed his 2006 Capital Expenditure Plan and entertained questions from the Board.

Alex Emmons made a motion to approve the Gas & Water 2006 Capital Expenditure Plan as presented. Jeff Theising seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

#### **RESULTS OF CHEMICAL QUOTE OPENING** (A-421)

Mike Oeding presented a comparison (see attached) of the chemical quotes that were opened at the November meeting and briefly reviewed the low quotes and/or the most responsive quotes as follows:

Liquid Alum – USALCO  
Lime – Mississippi Lime  
Carbon – Ulrich Chemical  
Chlorine – JCI Jones Chemical  
Hydro Fluosilicic Acid – Brenntag Mid-South  
Sulfuric Acid – Brenntag Mid-South  
Cairox Potassium – Ulrich Chemical  
Caustic Soda – Brenntag Mid-South  
Algicide – Water Solutions  
SPD-CL20N – SAL Chemical Co.  
Sodium Bisulfite – Brenntag Mid-South

Ed Kreilein made a motion to allow Mike Oeding to proceed with awarding the chemical contracts as presented. Jeff Theising seconded a motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

#### **RESULTS OF TRUCK QUOTE OPENING – GAS & WATER** (A-475)

Mike Oeding stated that after reviewing the truck quotes he realized the low quote from Ruxer Ford was for a smaller engine, which did not meet specifications.

The second lowest, most responsive quote was from Luegers for \$16,600.00 for a 2006 GMC Sierra and Oeding recommended accepting this quote.

Mike Harder made a motion to accept the quote from Luegers for \$16,600.00. Ken Sendelweck seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

**SOUTHEAST GAS PRESSURE – MERIDIAN RD. & 3<sup>RD</sup> AVE.** (A-495)

Mike Oeding reported that the gas pressure problem on the southeast side of the City has been corrected temporarily by the gas main extension that was just completed, but they are continuing to monitor the pressure. The second phase of the project should permanently correct the problem.

**BEAVER LAKE** (A-510)

Mike Oeding reported the valve on Beaver Lake has been opened to start the winter drawdown. Any dock work needs to be done while the lake is down.

**GAS PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT** (A-523)

Alex Emmons, Chairman of the Gas Planning Committee, reported the committee met on November 15, 2005 to discuss changes to Mike Oeding's capital expenditure plan and to hear a presentation from Woods Oil & Gas concerning Hornaday gas wells.

The committee met again on November 28, 2005 to hear another presentation from Woods Oil & Gas concerning their plans on the development of gas fields in Southern Indiana.

**WATER PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT** (A-535)

Jeff Theising, Chairman of the Water Planning Committee, stated the committee did not meet during the past month.

**2006 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLAN – WASTEWATER** (A-536)

Tom Lents briefly reviewed his 2006 Capital Expenditure Plan and entertained questions from the Board.

Ed Kreilein made a motion to approve the Wastewater 2006 Capital Expenditure Plan as presented. Mike Schwenk seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

**REPORT ON LIFT STATION UPGRADE PROGRESS** (A-585)

Tom Lents briefly reported on the progress of the lift station upgrades.

Northwood Lift Station – Some electrical work is done and the pumps will be shipped next week.

Portersville Lift Station – The pumps have been delivered. Electrical work should be done this week or next. Lents expects to have the pumps installed and the lift station started up in early January.

## **WASTEWATER PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT** (A-596)

Ed Kreilein, Chairman of the Wastewater Planning Committee, stated the committee did not meet during the past month.

## **2006 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLAN – BUSINESS OFFICE** (A-598)

Ken Schultz briefly reviewed his 2006 Capital Expenditure Plan and entertained questions from the Board.

Mike Harder made a motion to approve the Business Office 2006 Capital Expenditure Plan as presented. Ken Sendelweck seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

## **ANNUAL BAD DEBT WRITE-OFF** (A-634)

Ken Schultz stated that the bad debt accounts consist of accounts that were sent to the collection agency with no results in 2004 or 2005, or the amounts involved are less than \$25.00, or the individual is bankrupt, or the individual is deceased and there are no assets.

Of those type accounts, the write-off amount is \$8,952.48, plus 3 bankruptcies that were discharged during the year with no assets amounting to \$496.69, for a total 2005 write-off of \$9,449.17, representing .03% of an estimated \$32M in sales for 2005.

Ken Sendelweck made a motion to approve the request to write-off the bad debts for 2005 as presented. Ed Kreilein seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

## **METER READER RETIRING** (A-662)

Ken Schultz reported that one of his meter readers will be retiring at the end of January, and his last working day will be at the end of December.

As a result of the retirement, Schultz asked the utility managers to continue to pursue the meter change out program to radio read to help out the remaining meter reader.

Schultz thanked the Electric Department and Wastewater Department for supporting the Meter Reading Department.

Schultz reported that all of the meters in Zones 3 & 4 are 100% converted, the electric meters in Zone 2 are 100% converted, with water and gas meters about 80% converted. The Electric Department is proceeding with converting industrial electric meters. One meter reader can read meters in Zone 1 until they are also converted.

## **STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS EXIT CONFERENCE** (A-675)

Ken Schultz reported he recently attended the State Board of Accounts exit conference and there were no written comments and everything was in order.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT & PRESENTATION OF CLAIM DOCKET** (A-707)

Ken Sendelweck reported the Finance Committee had met and reviewed the claims on the Claim Docket.

Also presented was a claim on behalf of Harrison & Moberly, LLP in the amount of \$1,306.87, representing legal services relating to the Titan litigation issue for the Wastewater Project. SRF and BIF funds have been exhausted; therefore, after Utility Service Board approval, the above referenced claim will be paid from Wastewater funds.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of the claims as presented.

Ken Sendelweck made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Ed Kreilein seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

**COMMENTS** (A-722)

Mayor Schmitt welcomed Bud Hauersperger to the City and said he looks forward to working with him.

Mayor Schmitt commented on the recent article in the Herald concerning Mike Oeding's retirement from the Fire Department and thanked him for all the work he does.

Chairman Krodel wished everyone Happy Holidays.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM upon motion by Ed Kreilein and second by Alex Emmons. Motion approved, 7-0

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary Chairman